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QUOTED BELOW IS TEXT OF NOTE DATED MAY 12 ON ABOVE SUBJECT
THAT WE HAVE RECEIVED FROM OMANGOV FOREIGN MINISTRY. NOTE LABELED
"CONFIDENTIAL" AND IS FROM THE OFFICE OF THE MINISTER. ORIGINAL
IS IN ENGLISH.

BEGIN TEXT

THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE SULTANATE OF AMAN-
MINISTERS OFFICE- PRESENTS ITS COMPLIMENTS TO THE AMERICAN
EMBASSY IN MUSCAT, AND WITH REFERENCE TO THE EMBASSY'S NOTE DATED
26 MARCH 1977; THE GOVERNMENT OF THE SULTANATE OF OMAN WAS HAPPY
TO COOPERATE WITH THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA BY ALLOWING USN
MARITIME PATROL AIRCRAFT TO REFUEL AT ROYAL AIRFORCE MASIRAH.
THE STRATEGIC ADVANTAGES OF THE ARRANGEMENT ARE APPRECIATED.
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE SULTANATE OF OMAN IS THEREFORE
CONTENT, IN PRINCIPLE, THAT THIS ARRANGEMENT SHOULD CONTINUE ALONG
THE LINES SUGGESTED IN THE EMBASSY'S NOTE OF 26TH MARCH 1977.
HOWEVER, BEFORE FINAL AGREEMENT CAN BE GIVEN FURTHER DETAILS OF
THE LOGISTIC SUPPORT FLIGHTS WHICH ARE MENTIONED WOULD BE APPRE-
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CIATED. IN PARTICULAR, THE TYPE OF AIRCRAFT INVOLVED IS RELEVANT.
THERE IS, TOO, THE QUESTION OF PAYMENT FOR THE FACILITIES
PROVIDED. MASIRAH AIRFIELD NOW HOUSES THE SULTAN OF OMAN'S AIR
FORCE'S BASIC FLYING TRAINING SCHOOL AND THERE WOULD BE ADVANTAGES
TO OMAN IF PAYMENT TOOK THE FORM OF A GRANT IN SUPPORT OF THE
SCHOOL. THE LATTER'S RECURRENT COSTS AMOUNT TO RIALS OMANI 2
TWO MILLION PER ANNUM.

MOST OF THE SUPPORT FACILITIES REQUIRED BY THE USN AIRCRAFT
ARE AVAILABLE AND THERE SEEMS LITTLE NEED FOR A USN TEAM
TO VISIT AT THIS TIME.

THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS - MINISTER'S OFFICE-
AVAILS ITSELF OF THIS OPPORTUNITY TO RENEW TO THE AMERICAN EMBASSY
THE ASSURANCE OF ITS HIGHEST CONSIDERATION. END TEXT.
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